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**BY HAND**

Honorable Lisa Margaret Smith  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
300 Quarropas St., Room 428  
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Wasseff v. Health Research Inc.  
08 CV 00289 (CLB)(LMS)

Dear Magistrate Judge ~~Reyes~~ *Smith*

I am an Assistant Attorney General in the New York State Attorney General's Office, and have been recently assigned to represent defendant Helen Hayes Hospital in the above-referenced action.

I write to respectfully request that defendant Helen Hayes Hospital's time to respond to the complaint be extended from July 7 to July 16, 2008. The extension is needed for defendant adequately investigate the facts, research the law and draft responsive papers, and have the same reviewed by my client contact (who will be on vacation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday). This extension will not unduly prejudice the progress of this case, as July 16 is our co-defendant's, Health Research Inc., deadline to respond.

Today, I spoke with plaintiff to request his consent. He refused to consent stating "since Helen Hayes Hospital acted towards me as if they are so perfect, why do they need extra time?" This is defendants' first request for an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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